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**BLOOD HUNT**

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## JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leave a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.





A dynamic comic book panel showing a battle scene. In the center, Captain America is crouching, holding his iconic shield which is being struck by a massive, bright red and white energy beam. To his left, Hawkeye is in mid-air, aiming his bow. Behind him, Iron Man is visible in his yellow and red armor. To the right, another character in a brown and black suit is engaged in combat. In the foreground, Baron Blood, a purple-skinned vampire with large fangs and a wide, menacing grin, is reaching out with his hand. The background is filled with smoke and debris, suggesting a city street battle.

LEAVE THE  
CATTLE, BUT KILL  
THE HEROES!

NO MATTER  
HOW LONG AGO  
MY WAR WAS...

...IT ALWAYS COMES  
BACK TO HAUNT ME. BUT  
I SUPPOSE THAT'S  
ALWAYS BEEN A TRUTH:

HEROES  
MAY DIE...

KILL THE  
AVENGERS  
FOR BARON  
BLOOD!

...BUT THE  
MONSTERS  
ALWAYS  
COME BACK.



And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born. To fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

# THE AVENGERS

Vampires have descended upon the Earth! While Captain Marvel and her Avengers deal with the problem at the heart of this perpetual night, **Captain America** has pulled together a team dedicated to protecting civilians. But Steve Rogers, **Hercules**, **Hawkeye**, **Hazmat** and **Quicksilver** soon found themselves—along with a whole bunch of civilian hostages—pulled onto a Helicarrier manned by vampire Nazis, with none other than **Baron Blood** leading them!

## "BLOOD HUNT" PART TWO

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SO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER.

ARE YOU SURPRISED THAT I KNOW A NAZI VAMPIRE, HAWKEYE?

WELL, NO, I SUPPOSE NOT.

THIS IS AN OMEN, CAPTAIN AMERICA, THIS IS A GIFT.

ON THE EVE OF AMERICA'S DEATH, TO HAVE HER CHAMPION DELIVERED TO ME?

SO THAT I MIGHT MAKE YOU FINALLY ONE OF US?

YOU'LL WEAR MY FLAG SOON EN--



SORRY, BARON...


--YAAAH!



...I MAY HAVE SWAPPED MY SHIELD FOR ONE EDGED WITH SILVER...

...BUT DESPITE EVERYTHING, THIS FLAG STILL SUITS ME.





LET US  
SEE ABOUT  
THAT.

I AM  
CREATING A  
NEW WORLD.  
CAPTAIN  
AMERICA.

I WILL  
CREATE YOU  
ANEW AS  
WELL.

LISTEN, I'M  
GOING TO DRAW  
BARON BLOOD AWAY,  
LEAVING HIS GOONS  
DISORGANIZED.

BUT THEN  
WON'T WE BE  
DISORGANIZED?

YOU'RE  
AVENGERS.

WE'RE ONE  
DECK UP FROM THE  
ESCAPE CAPSULES. GET  
THESE PEOPLE THERE  
AND JETTISON THEM  
TO SAFETY.

BRING  
IT ON,  
BARON!

BRACE  
YOURSELF,  
CAPTAIN!

I'VE  
WAITED FOR  
THIS SINCE  
1942!

FLANG









HOPE NO  
ONE MINDS  
A BIT OF A  
SUNTAN!

**RAAACHH!!!**









DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BEHIND THE DARKENED SKIES, BLOOD.

OF COURSE NOT. THOUGH I DO LIKE IT.  
REMINDS ME OF DEAR OLD ENGLAND.



NO, THIS WASN'T MY DOING, BUT IT HAS SERVED ME WELL.

I HAD BEEN GATHERING MY FORCES BY NIGHT, INCLUDING THIS **SPLENDID HELICARRIER**--BUT WHEN THE SKIES WENT BLACK, I **PIVOTED** TO A **WHOLE NEW SCHEME**.



EVER THE OPPORTUNISTIC BUZZARD.

HA!  
YOU SEEK TO WOUND ME, CAPTAIN, BUT I WILL **ACCEPT YOUR JUDGMENT**.



YOUR WORLD IS OVER, CAPTAIN AMERICA. **DEAD.**

ME AND MINE ARE **INDEED** PICKING OVER ITS CORPSE FOR WHAT WILL BE NEEDED TO USHER IN THE **NEW ONE**.





WITH YOU  
AT THE TOP,  
I GATHER?

OF  
COURSE, WHO  
BETTER?

I WAS BORN  
TO NOBILITY,  
CAPTAIN, BORN TO  
LEAD, AND EVER HAS  
FASCISM BEEN  
MY PURSUIT.

YOU'VE  
GOT YOUR SUCKHEAD  
BLACKSHIRTS, YOUR  
HELICARRIER BASE... ALL  
THAT'S LEFT IS TO STOCK  
THE LARDER.

THAT'S  
WHY YOU'RE  
KIDNAPPING PEOPLE.  
TO WAIT OUT  
THE CHAOS...

...AND PUT  
A RUINED WORLD  
TO RIGHTS.

IT'LL TAKE MORE  
THAN DARK SKIES AND  
VAMPIRES TO PUT DOWN  
HUMANITY, BARON.

THE AVENGERS,  
DOCTOR STRANGE...  
THEY'LL STOP THE  
VAMPIRES.

JUST LIKE  
MY PEOPLE AND  
I ARE GOING TO  
STOP YOU.

OH,  
CAPTAIN...

...CAN'T  
YOU SEE THAT  
WATCHING YOU  
TRY IS HALF  
THE FUN?









AND THAT'S  
THE CIVILIANS  
SAFE!

EXCELLENT,

NOW  
FOR THE  
VAMPIRES.



CAPTAIN  
AMERICA! IT IS  
I, HERCULES!

WE ARE  
COMING TO  
YOUR AID!



ARE THE INNOCENTS SAFE?

AYE!

OUTSTANDING. I'VE GOT BARON BLOOD ON MY TAIL-- WE NEED TO NEUTRALIZE HIM AND THE OTHER VAMPIRES AND THEN TAKE CONTROL OF THIS SHIP.

WITH THE NUMBERS WE'VE SEEN SO FAR, HE MUST BE RUNNING A **SKELETON CREW**, WHICH WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE--

"SKELETON CREW."

HOW VERY DROLL.

UNH!

WHAT CAN I SAY? I ALWAYS LIKED VAUDEVILLE.

YOU'D HAVE FIT RIGHT IN.


VAUDEVILLE? UGH.

HOW VERY COMMON, CAPTAIN. BUT THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOUR WAY.







A close-up of Captain America's face, wearing his iconic blue and white mask with a large white 'A' on the forehead. He has a determined, shouting expression with his mouth wide open. He is wearing his blue suit and a red gauntlet on his right hand, which is clenched into a fist.

AVENGERS,  
WE HAVE A  
PROBLEM--

--BARON BLOOD  
HAS A LOT MORE  
VAMPIRES THAN WE  
THOUGHT.

THAT'S  
NOT THE  
ONLY PROBLEM,  
CAP--

A wide shot of a city street scene. Iron Man, in his full suit, is running towards the viewer. In the foreground, a man in a green and blue suit with a lightning bolt emblem is running alongside him. To the left, a woman in a tan jumpsuit is also running. In the background, several people are seen hanging out of the windows of a multi-story building, suggesting a chaotic or dangerous situation.

--HE'S ALSO  
GOT A LOT MORE  
PRISONERS THAN  
WE THOUGHT.







MY VAMPIRE  
RESERVES ARE  
**AWAKENING**--EVEN  
YOUR RIDICULOUS  
**AVENGERS** CAN'T  
FIGHT THEM  
**ALL!**

IT'S JUST  
DISAPPOINTING.

BECAUSE  
IF I HAD MY WAY,  
I'D LAY HANDS ON  
EVERY SINGLE ONE  
OF YOUR  
BLACKSHIRTS.

HERE,

YE AARGH!





AVENGERS!

THE  
CIVILIANS ARE  
TOP PRIORITY!

AYE,  
CAPTAIN!

BUT  
FEAR GRIPS  
THEM!



WE NEED A  
SPEECH.

GIVE THEM  
HOPE, BOLSTER  
THEIR SPIRITS--  
THAT SORT OF  
THING.

WELL?

HAVEN'T  
YOU BEEN AN  
AVENGER SINCE THE  
DINOSAURS ROAMED  
THE EARTH?  
SO WILD.



DINOSAURS *STILL*  
ROAM THE EARTH.  
IN THE SAVAGE  
LAND.

OH  
FOR GOD'S  
SAKE--

I AM ABOUT  
AS WELL SUITED  
FOR SPEECHES AS  
YOU ARE--IT HAS  
NEVER BEEN MY  
SPECIALTY.

WHY DO  
YOU THINK  
WE CONTINUE  
FOLLOWING  
CAPTAIN  
AMERICA?



HEY!





LISTEN UP.

I KNOW YOU'RE ALL SCARED. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN TOUGH ON YOU.

I KNOW BECAUSE I'M IN THE SAME BOAT AS ALL OF YOU.

I DON'T HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS, JUST LIKE YOU.

BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER, AND SO DO YOU.

WE'VE GOT THE AVENGERS.

AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE, WHATEVER IT TAKES.

WHATEVER CREEPY-CRAWLIES THERE ARE ON THIS HELICARRIER, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET THROUGH US FIRST.

HERCULES IS A LIVING GOD.

QUICKSILVER MOVES FASTER (AND HAS A WORSE ATTITUDE) THAN ANY BLOODSUCKER.

HMPH.

KAZMAT HERE HAS DEEP-FRIED MORE VAMPIRES TONIGHT THAN THE COLONEL HAS DONE CHICKENS.

AND THAT'S NOT EVEN COUNTING CAPTAIN AMERICA, WHO THE ENTIRE WEHRMACHT COULDN'T KILL.



BUT  
WHAT ABOUT  
YOU?

YOU  
DON'T HAVE ANY  
POWERS!

ME? I'M  
A MANHATTAN  
SOCIALITE WHO USES  
ONE STICK TO SHOOT  
OTHER, SMALLER  
STICKS.

AND AS IT  
TURNS OUT,  
VAMPIRES HATE  
STICKS.



SO  
WHAT DO YOU  
SAY?









**YAAAAHH!!!**

ATTENTION,  
EVERYONE!

THIS IS  
YOUR CAPTAIN  
SPEAKING.

BUCKLE  
UP.





# AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

Move over, Martin—there's a new sheriff in town! His are some pretty big shoes to fill—no one else would go to bat for Mint Julep as the next Avenger, but I aspire to make equally colorful recommendations. Anyway, there're a lot of letters and not a lot of space, so let's get started! Speaking of Mint Julep...

Dear Assemblers,  
Whoa! It sort of figured, but I was still surprised by the Avengers' involvement in the Orchis problem, starting in AVENGERS #11 and carrying on to issue #12. I mean, it makes sense since Tony is involved in trying to stop Orchis over in his own book, but I didn't think it would be carried over to this title. COOL! And to have 3-D Man involved—but he's playing for Orchis?! No! I expect this storyline will carry on up to the end of the X-Men's involvement this summer. Anyway, I also enjoyed Jarvis being in issue #11, and whoever that Sweeny guy is, he's a welcome addition too. Yuna in issue #12? Not sure what's going on there, but it was interesting.

Martin's suggestion that Mint Julep be added to the roster was funny! I remember her from a P. Craig Russell drawn issue of AMAZING ADVENTURES featuring Killraven, but what would her designation be? Mint Julep: The Drink? lol

Alan Bowman  
Sagamihara City, Japan

"The Outsider"—she's an alien! And Mr. Sweeny was first introduced way back in AVENGERS #201, by David Michelinie and George Pérez, when he went by Bruiser and stomped around the Bronx extorting people. Jarvis basically humiliated him into walking the straight and narrow, as Jarvis often does for wayward youths (right, Tony?), and now Sweeny's finally worthy of being Jarvis' assistant. Anyway, glad you enjoyed those issues, Alan—for more on Yuna, check out Alyssa Wong, Jan Bazaldua & Ruairi Coleman's delightful CAPTAIN MARVEL!

I've been following a bit of Jed's work since his run with *Magic: The Gathering* comic books. AVENGERS #11 truly impressed me with the little food tidbits regarding the Avengers' favorite meals. It's not much, but it was a lot of fun.

More, please.  
Jonathan Mark Te

Agreed, Jonathan—there's nothing I love like a good ol' fun-facts profile that tells you all the characters' favorite foods, favorite bands, blood types...but, hey, working

that info organically into the story is even better! Stay tuned for the issue where Jarvis decorates each character's HQ bedroom according to their ideal color scheme and interior design style. The results may surprise you!

What's up, Earth's Mightiest Creative Team?  
I just finished reading issues #12 and #13, and it might end up being one of my favorite mini-arcs of this run so far. Mostly because I'm one of the six 3-D Man fans out there.

I've always thought Delroy was incredibly underrated. That might be nostalgia talking because AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE #14 was one of the first comics I ever bought, and 3-D Man left an impression on me. And it cemented my belief that even if a character isn't Spider-Man or Wolverine levels of popularity, they can still be an amazing hero with the right creative team. And you guys did just that for this short two-parter. I was a bit nervous, thinking you guys were gonna turn Delroy evil, but I was thinking he might be the Avengers' mole inside of Orchis. Lo and behold, I was correct!

You guys did a good job showing just how effective 3-D Man could be in a strategic and security position, and I would love to see him join the team in the future to show off his other three-dimensional powers. Maybe if you guys pull a "The Old Order Changeth" and rotate the Avengers roster a bit in a future story arc. Either way, keep up the work, guys! Because this Avengers fan has been incredibly happy with this run, and I can't wait to see what else you guys have got in store!

Sincerely,  
Kevan Lago

I'll tell ya, Kevan, there might be a lot more than six 3-D Man fans, because a whole lot of people wrote in to express their excitement to see him—AND their concerns about a heel turn before issue #13 dropped! Sorry to anyone who got nervous over that hoodwinkery, but, hey, if you're going to fool Orchis... Anyway, I hope the roster switch-up for these few issues has scratched that itch, but if not, there's always more AVENGERS on the horizon!

Now that I've more than exhausted my designated page space, that's all we've got for today, folks. See you next month!

Michelle Marchese  
Assistant Editor



**NEXT**

**#16**

# BLOOD HUNT TIE-IN!



**Captain America's** steering the Helicarrier now...but it's loaded with more hostages and more vampires than the Avengers could have predicted! Plus, **Baron Blood** has a few more tricks up his sleeves! Will the team be able to rescue everyone? Will the Helicarrier go plummeting down to the city below? And will the Captain be forced to go down with his ship? Don't miss the bloody conclusion of this Blood Hunt story!



# BLOOD HUNT

## CHECKLIST

### JUNE

- **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- VENOM #34
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- AVENGERS #15
- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

### JULY

- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- AVENGERS #16
- HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4